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SI. No	State/U.T.	No. of Hostels
13.	Maharashtra	122
14.	Manipur	12
15.	Meghalaya	3
16.	Mizoram	3
17.	Nagaland	9
18.	Orissa	28
19.	Punjab	14
20.	Rajasthan	37
21.	Sikkim	2
22.	Tamil Nadu	90
23.	Tripura	1
24.	Uttar Pradesh	38
25.	Uttaranchal	2
26.	West Bengal	37
TOTAL STATES:		839
Union Territories		
27.	A & N Islands	1
28.	Chandigarh	6
29.	Delhi	20
30.	Pondicherry	4
TOTAL UTs:		31
ALL INDIA TOTAL:		870

Unrecognised courses in Delhi University

1456. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the criteria for recognition of courses in Universities;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Delhi University is running certain courses which are not even recognized;
- (c) what are the reasons for delay in recognition; and

(d) the details of courses of foreign universities recognized in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) As per Section 22(3) of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956, a 'Degree' means any such degree as may, with the previous approval of the Central Government, be specified in this behalf by the University Grants Commission by notification in the official gazette. As regards professional courses, these are also required to be approved by the relevant statutory bodies like All India Council for Technical Education, National Council for Teacher Education and Medical Council of India, etc. subsequent to the approval by the Statutory bodies of the Universities *viz.* the Academic and the Executive Councils.

(b) The University of Delhi has denied that it is running any unrecognized course.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Recognition to the courses of foreign universities is granted by the Association of Indian Universities for the purpose of their equivalence with the courses conducted by the Indian Universities.

Educational FM Radio Network

1457. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to launch educational FM radio network of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the cities where it would be started in the near future and by when it is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has been guaranteed a license by